



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3699

by Rep. Norine Hammond

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22.05

Amends the School Code. Permits school boards to approve Advanced Placement (AP) computer science courses as equivalent to high school mathematics or science. If approved, requires a school district to denote on a student's transcript that AP computer science qualifies as a math-based, quantitative course for students who take the course in their senior year. Provides that, in order for a school board to approve AP computer science as equivalent to high school mathematics, the student must be concurrently enrolled in or have successfully completed Algebra II.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-22.05 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.05)

7 Sec. 27-22.05. Required course substitute.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article or
9 this Code, a school board that maintains any of grades 9
10 through 12 is authorized to adopt a policy under which a
11 student who is enrolled in any of those grades may satisfy one
12 or more high school course or graduation requirements,
13 including but not limited to any requirements under Sections
14 27-6 and 27-22, by substituting for and successfully completing
15 in place of the high school course or graduation requirement a
16 related vocational or technical education course. A vocational
17 or technical education course shall not qualify as a related
18 vocational or technical education course within the meaning of
19 this Section unless it contains at least 50% of the content of
20 the required course or graduation requirement for which it is
21 substituted, as determined by the State Board of Education in
22 accordance with standards that it shall adopt and uniformly
23 apply for purposes of this Section. No vocational or technical

1 education course may be substituted for a required course or
2 graduation requirement under any policy adopted by a school
3 board as authorized in this Section unless the pupil's parent
4 or guardian first requests the substitution and approves it in
5 writing on forms that the school district makes available for
6 purposes of this Section.

7 (b) School boards may approve Advanced Placement (AP)
8 computer science courses as equivalent to high school
9 mathematics or science. If approved, a school district must
10 denote on a student's transcript that AP computer science
11 qualifies as a math-based, quantitative course for students who
12 take the course in their senior year. In order for a school
13 board to approve AP computer science as equivalent to high
14 school mathematics, the student must be concurrently enrolled
15 in or have successfully completed Algebra II.

16 (Source: P.A. 88-269.)